



# U.S. House of Representatives Committee on the Judiciary F. James Sensenbrenner, Jr., Chairman

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## **Sensenbrenner Statement Regarding Extension of the Voting Rights Act**

WASHINGTON, D.C. – House Judiciary Committee Chairman F. James Sensenbrenner, Jr. (R-Wis.) released the following statement regarding the Voting Rights Act (VRA) extension legislation, H.R. 9, that had been scheduled for House consideration today:

“Since last fall the House Judiciary Committee has held a dozen hearings examining the effectiveness of the Voting Rights Act, whether the VRA should be extended, and, if so, what the extension should encompass. The Committee assembled more than 12,000 pages of testimony, documentary evidence and appendices during its exhaustive consideration. The Committee’s bipartisan conclusion: while we have made dramatic progress in ensuring no American is denied his or her right to vote based upon the color of his or her skin, the work remains incomplete. As a result, the Committee last month favorably reported out H.R. 9 by a 33-to-1 margin.

“Some Members, whom I believe are misinformed, have expressed concerns about voting on this legislation now. I stand by this bipartisan legislation. H.R. 9 is a good bill. It’s one Members – Republicans and Democrats – can be proud of because it ensures that when discriminatory practices of the past resurface, they are quickly put to rest. I hope the House Leadership will bring H.R. 9 to the floor in the near future.”

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